

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/771,425
	Filing Date	January 26, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Ostade et al.
	Art Unit	1646
	Examiner Name	R. Li
	Attorney Docket Number	2676-4644US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

b. **Enclosed**

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Request for Refund

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1469

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$385.00 enclosed

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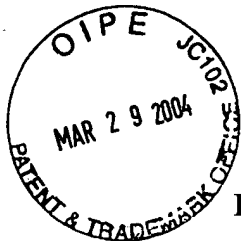
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**Serial No.:** 09/771,425

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 29, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.